

# BART Celebrates Chinese New Year

## Fourth Annual Highlights Culture & Tradition



**G**ung Hay Fat Choy! BART employees presented the District's fourth annual Chinese New Year celebration on February 13, commemorating the Year of the Ram, 4701. The event was replete with traditional Chinese music, martial arts, lion dancing, and an array of traditional Chinese New Year delicacies. Community leaders also stopped by to wish everyone well in the New Year.

Healthy Workout Group, a non-profit group that furthers healthy bodies and healthy minds, provided the entertainment. "These are the people who can be seen every morning in the BART headquarters plaza doing tai chi and other exercises," said Julie Yim, event organizer. "Most are elderly and an inspiration." Despite some bad

weather, the New Year performance was festive, she said, with lion dancing, fan dancing, sword dancing and tai chi.

In China, New Year is celebrated on the first day of the Chinese lunar calendar. Traditional Chinese New Year celebration starts on the first day of the Chinese lunar calendar and runs for the whole month. Each year is named after one of the 12 animals according to the Chinese Zodiac.

Julie explains the Year of the Ram. "A ram is centralist in nature, desiring peace and tranquillity. A ram can be found often in the midst of many females, which might be seen as good fortune. However, to be the center of attention can also make small mistakes take on greater significance because

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## Marilyn McAllister – 35 Years with BART

**O**n February 19, 2003, Marilyn McAllister made history as she marked 35 years of service with BART. The principal financial analyst in Grant Compliance, Capital Development and Control, says she's not done yet. "I'm sticking around for another five years so I can be first in seniority and break all the records by retiring after working at BART for 40 years," said Marilyn. Now, that is quite a claim to fame!

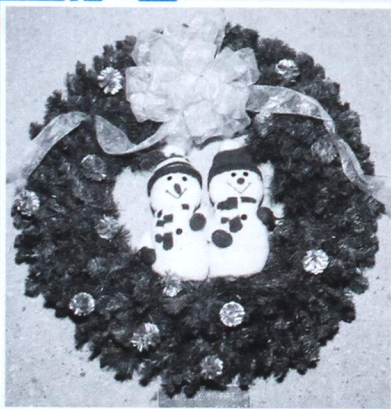
Marilyn began her career at BART as a junior accountant and worked in accounting for 25 years before coming over to Transit System Development. "That was a real good move for me,"



she said. "I kept getting promotions, leading up to my current job as a principal financial analyst. Each year, it gets better and better. I have really enjoyed working at BART."

"It is not possible to say too many nice things about Marilyn," said Ronald D. Avery, Manager, Grant Compliance. "She is like my right and left arm in our Grant Compliance Division. She takes such pride and joy in her work. I've never seen anyone else take so much satisfaction in reconciling capital funding problems. Marilyn joined our group in April 1996 as a senior financial analyst and was later promoted to the principal analyst level. She has one of the most positive attitudes and outlooks of anyone that I know, and it shows in her work."

Congratulations, Marilyn! **b**





# "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution"

*Theme of Annual Rev. Dr. King Commemoration*

*"One of the great liabilities in life is that all too many people find themselves living amid a great period of social change, and yet they fail to develop the new attitudes, the new mental responses that the situation demands. They end up sleeping through a revolution."*

*— The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



Emcee James Archie began this year's Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration by quoting this phrase from one of Dr. King's sermons as a parallel to the event's theme held January 14 at the Metro Center Auditorium – "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution."

At the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on March 31, 1968 told the story of Rip Van Winkle sleeping for 20 years as one, in essence, of sleeping through a revolution. When he first laid down, he had the picture of King George the Third of England. When he awoke, George Washington had become the first President of the United States. Van Winkle was lost, and knew not who he was. "While he was peacefully snoring ... a revolution was taking place that would change the course of history," recalled Dr. King. Yes, Van Winkle slept through it all.

Lady Bianca provided entertainment, singing an original song she and her husband wrote on their way to Oakland.



Speakers included BART Board President Pete Snyder and General Manager Tom Margro. BART Director Carole Ward Allen, who chairs the Ethnic Studies


Department at Laney College and was the college's Administrator, delivered the keynote address. Carole studied politics and the art of West Africa at Forah Bay College in Sierra Leone and completed studies



Standing (left to right) Mae Meidav, Mike Healy, Lady Bianca, Karen Hill, James Archie, Phillis Pinkston, Anita Sanchez, former BART Director Willie B. Kennedy and Cheryl Simien. Seated (left to right) BART General Manager Tom Margro, BART Director Carole Ward Allen and BART Board President Pete Snyder.

at the University of Ole-Ife in Nigeria, the University of Kumasi in Ghana and the University of Nairobi in Kenya. Event organizers took the occasion to present Director Ward Allen a special gift to celebrate her birthday.

BART Director Willie B. Kennedy also was honored on the occasion of ending her service on the Board. BART Board President Pete Snyder presented her with a bouquet of flowers for her dedicated service. BART Director Carole Ward Allen, BART General Manager Tom Margro and Mike Healy, Department Manager of Media and Public Affairs, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Committee, joined him.

For more than 17 years, BART has hosted an annual commemoration for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Congratulations and thanks to members of the Martin Luther King Commemorative Committee: James Archie, Karen Hill, Mae Meidav, Phillis Pinkston, John Purcell and Cheryl Simien. Thanks also to Roger Johnson of the Reproduction Center, and the Media and Public Affairs department for supporting this annual commemorative program. 





# “BART Freedom Trains” Carry Marchers to Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Event in San Francisco

**M**archers attending the annual Martin Luther King Jr. holiday rally in San Francisco on January 20 found an easy way into the City on BART’s fourth annual “Freedom Trains.” BART ran special trains from Daly City and four East Bay stations to Powell Street, where marchers joined the annual Freedom March down Market Street to the rally at Bill Graham Civic Auditorium.

As a commemoration, BART distributed special MLK Jr. Flash Passes through churches, schools and community organizations. The pass was valued for a one-way trip into San Francisco.

The idea for the BART Freedom Train originally came from former BART Director Willie B. Kennedy of San Francisco, and in 1999 earned BART a resolution honoring its action from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. BART resolved a problem that had frustrated rally organizers for years – how to easily get people from the East Bay into San Francisco. With trains running from four East Bay stations – Dublin/Pleasanton, Pittsburg/Bay Point, Fremont and Richmond – BART provided the perfect transportation solution for the annual King celebration. **b3**

## Brightening the Holidays for Those in Need

**T**hanks to BART employees’ generosity, the 2002 BART Police Holiday Food Drive generated \$3,500 in cash donations to fill 140 bags with food for needy families, community-outreach organizations and shelters.

In the interest of public safety and in keeping with the nation’s theme of homeland security, only monetary donations were accepted for the 2002 program. “Thoughtful contributions from many BART employees helped make the holiday season a brighter one for those in need,” said Lt. Gary Cagaanan, program coordinator. “We especially thank Mae Meidav’s writers workshop participants, who donated \$1,240 to benefit the program.”

Volunteers from BART’s finest helped deliver food bags, including Officer Curtis Lum, Officer Tania Mendez, Officer Leonard Olsen, Lt. Gary Cagaanan, Community Service Assistant Michele Lazaneo, Sgt. Seleta Ellis, Officer Lori Bush, Officer Sheldon Forehand and retired Officer Harry Holder. “We concentrated on individual family donations this year, but did include some community organizations in the program,” noted Gary. Project Head Start of Oakland, the Alameda Point



*Pictured left to right: Officer Curtis Lum, Officer Tania Mendez, Officer Leonard Olson, and Lt. Gary Cagaanan (Santa’s cap), Susie Ashley, Director of Project Head Start of Oakland, CSA Michele Lazaneo, Sgt. Seleta Ellis, Officer Lori Bush and Officer Sheldon Forehand.*

Collaborative and the IRIS Center in San Francisco benefited from the BART Police Holiday Food Drive. Head Start Director Susie Ashley expressed her organization’s thanks by presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Gary. **b3**

## Promotions & New Hires

**Ben Holland** was promoted to Manager of Vehicle Systems Engineering, effective December 23, 2002. He manages a group of engineers responsible for maintenance engineering of new and rehabilitated revenue vehicle cars. The department supports quality assurance, preventative maintenance, maintenance bulletins and purchasing. “We play a pivotal role in parts, maintenance documentation and procedures,” says Ben. “We work with the shops on troubleshooting non-routine failures to find solutions.” Ben joined BART in December 2001 as the Vehicle Maintenance Engineering Project Manager. He previously worked as the Fleet Engineering Manager for the San Francisco Municipal Railway system. Ben holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Congratulations, Ben.

**Chien Shih** has joined BART in Information Technology as the Manager of Information Systems Support Services.

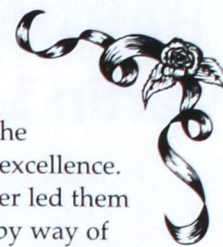
Chien manages the Help Desk, data center, security, network support, systems programming and database administration. “Adding Chien to our department accomplishes three things,” notes Robin Cody, IT Manager. “We have the best technical guidance, as Chien has an excellent grasp of current and emerging technologies. We have more consistent supervision. Finally, we have more time to focus on strategic planning and the District’s Business Advancement Plan.” Welcome, Chien.

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# In Remembrance...



## Pat Burks

BART and the BART Police Department have lost a very cherished and committed law enforcement officer. Robert P. ("Pat") Burks died of cancer on December 31, 2002. He was 68. He joined the BART Police Department in September 1972 and worked at BART until May 1981. Prior to joining the department, Pat Burks was a Berkeley police officer for more than 10 years.

BART Police Chief Gary Gee recalled, "Pat was personable, very easy-going and enjoyed working with people. He often told entertaining 'war' stories of what it was like to be a Berkeley cop in the 1960s. I presumed that they were true."

Lt. Gary Cagaanan said, "Pat was a solid patrolman who will be remembered for his great sense of humor. Pat also was proud and passionate about his Irish heritage, and often passed on bits of Irish history to his fellow officers."

## Branco von Hauftanen

BART and the BART Police Department have lost a very cherished and committed law enforcement officer. Branco von Hauftanen, one of the first canine officers in BART's police dog program, died recently at age 15. The German-born shepherd joined the police force in 1990 and worked for five years with BART Police Officer Harry Holder (now retired). Branco and Officer Holder made many felony arrests together.



Officer Holder and Branco

"Branco was one of the first four canine teams that initiated the program in 1990, and he was instrumental in its success," said Commander Clark Lynch. "It was only through the efforts of the early canine teams that the program gained acceptance among BART employees and

our customers. Their enterprises allowed the program to progress to its current state of excellence. The versatility of Branco and Officer Holder led them to engage the community in the program by way of school and community presentations, further contributing to enhancing safety for BART."

Lt. Gary Cagaanan added, "Harry and Branco were an effective canine team, having made numerous arrests, which included assisting neighboring police agencies with searches and apprehensions."

Following retirement, Branco enjoyed the rest of his years with the Holder family.

## Ken Pierce

BART has lost a very cherished friend and co-worker Kenneth L. Pierce, born March 22, 1942, and who passed away from cancer on December 22, 2002.



Ken and wife Diane

Ken hailed from the great state of Missouri. In 1965, after serving his country in the United States Air Force for four years, Ken joined the Elevator Constructors Union. He first worked in Los Angeles in Local #18 for the United States Elevator Company (aka U.S. Elevator). In 1970 he transferred to San Francisco Local #8 where he worked for the Armor Elevator Company. He worked on the original construction of the BART elevators for Armor. Ken came to work at BART in October 1976 in the Elevator/Escalator Department. He worked as a mechanic and temporary foreworker for 26 years. The many workers and friends in other Departments who were touched by his thoughtfulness, kindness, sense of humor and generosity will miss him. He is survived by his wife Diane and daughter Chrissy, who both loved him very much. **b3**

## Bowl Away the Pollen – Here's Comes Spring!

After taking a couple months off for the holiday, the BART Bowling League is back! Bowlers got off to a good start in March, welcoming two new bowlers, and are planning the next tournament for March 22 at Manor Bowl in San Leandro. Spring is just around the corner, so bring out the allergy pills and hankies. Bowl 'er up!

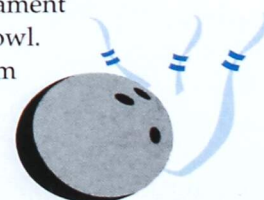
At the Turkey Trot Tournament held at the Albany Bowl on November 23, it was all about the ladies as Top Game went to Gwen Bodin (258) and Harry Straub (221), while Top Series went to Glenda Olson (650) and Joe Olson (605). Top Five for the series included Glenda, Gwen, Darlene Williams, Joe and Andy Williams.

Bright sunny skies in Albany welcomed bowlers on March 1. Bryant and Suzanne Hicks just about tied each other with the Top Game honors (he was 224, she was 221). Top Series

went to Reggie Lewis (621) and Glenda Olson (608). The tourney welcomed new bowlers, Ron Edwards and Don Demer. Top Five for the series included Reggie, Johnnie Hicks, Ron, Al Browder and Joe Olson. Along for the fun were Andy Williams and Harry Straub.

"The handicap system keeps the scoring fair and pretty even," notes Andy Williams, league organizer. "So, there's something for everyone, from beginner to seasoned pro. And we do this for fun and friendship, not competition."

Don't miss the next bowling tournament on Saturday, March 22 at the Albany Bowl. Get the 411 on "all things bowling" from Andy Williams at ext. 5153 or ext. 5775 or Glenda Olson at ext. 2794. See you at the bowling alley! **b3**





# Mathur is First Woman on CalPERS Board in 40 Years

**P**riya Sara Mathur, a principal financial analyst in Capital Development and Control, has joined the CalPERS Board of Administration as the representative for public agency members. She was elected in January 2003 and will serve a four-year term to January 15, 2007. At age 29, Priya became the first woman elected to the Board in 40 years and its youngest member ever. She also is the first Indian-American to hold a statewide office in California.



As a member of the 13-member Board of Administration, Priya decides on matters related to oversight and investment of fund assets, as well as benefit and membership issues. The board is responsible for the management and control of CalPERS, including exclusive control over administration and investment of the Public Employees Retirement Fund. The board has purview over several other public sector retirement systems, a medical and hospital program, a member home

loan program and California's contract with the federal government for Social Security. Priya and her fellow board members make decisions that affect all 1.3 million active and retired members of CalPERS.

Priya came to the board with the support of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; the California State Employees Association, the California Professional Firefighters Association, and several other unions. She won her election against three other candidates with a plurality of just over 38 percent of the vote.

In her capacity with BART, Priya participates in financing multi-billion dollar infrastructure projects, including BART's \$1.5 billion earthquake retrofit program. Before joining BART in 1998, she was a consultant with Public Financial Management, Inc., a leading advisor to local governments, bringing to market approximately \$2.5 million in municipal bonds. She holds a masters degree in Business Administration from the University of California, Berkeley and a bachelor's degree in Economics and Literature from Connecticut College.



## Great Ideas by BART Employees

**B**ART employees help increase efficiency and save costs by presenting their ideas for improving BART operations to the Employee Suggestion Program. They are duly rewarded for proposals that succeed. (Please note, some awards represent a net payment once state and federal taxes have been deducted.) Here are recent awardees and their ideas:

### **Brad L. Burguin**

*Maintenance Worker III, Rolling Stock & Shops*

When wheels were worn, thick shims were installed above the car body plates to compensate for wheel wear. Brad Burguin suggested installing a space washer between the pie plate and elbow to lengthen the elbow and allow up to three shims to be installed, thereby creating less need for adjustments. His idea was deemed acceptable as an emergency fix to put a car back into service, earning Brad a \$250.00 safety award.

### **William Clark**

*Maintenance Worker III, Rolling Stock & Shops*

Three great ideas earned William Clark a customer service award of \$500.00. He suggested applying control tags to parts from the plate assembly seal (air suspension with



teflon) to encourage their reconditioning. Some plates had been tossed away and not returned. William also suggested providing protective shipping crates for A2 and B2 parts to minimize damage to these expensive parts. Finally, William suggested removing three-inch extension pipes and placing grease fittings directly into the motor bearing housing. The pipes had been breaking off at the base of the traction motor bearing housing.


### **Robert J. Scott**

*Employee Development Specialist, Rolling Stock & Shops*

The friction brake Electro Hydraulic Unit could be contaminated when the oil reservoir breather cap was removed. Such contamination could cause accelerated wear of critical friction brake parts. Robert suggested installing a standoff adapter to elevate the breather cap and keep dirt and other contaminants from falling into the reservoir. This idea earned Robert a \$200.00 safety award.

### **Joel Yared**

*Maintenance Worker III, Rolling Stock & Shops*

Mica dust would be vacuumed out of the work area during the process of undercutting the T/M and M/A commutator, leaving behind resin fumes. Workers wore dust masks or respirators to guard against the fumes. Joel suggested using a larger vacuum, and venting it outside and away from the work area to eliminate the fumes. His idea earned Joel a \$200.00 safety award. 



# Holiday Craft Faire





## Retirees

Donald Agnello  
Edmundo A Anchondo  
Leslie M. Azevedo  
Victor G. Banducci  
Richard W. Banks  
Charles A. Beebe  
James A. Brown  
Jessie Calcote  
William D. Calloway  
Marie E. Castillo  
James D. Coppedge  
Raymond C. Crist  
Ronald Darensburg  
Donald Del Carlo  
Diease B. Evans  
Vivian Faye  
Patricia E. Gallagher  
Antonio C. Gallegos  
Tyler S. Gee  
Stephen W. Gilbert  
Helen L. Green  
Lovell T. Guiton  
Annie H. Hamp  
Roy D. Hollie  
Bertha J. Howard  
Bertie Jackson  
Thomas I. Jeffries  
Donne M. Jones  
Bernard S. La Pedis  
Augustine J. Lara  
Bonnie A. Mac Donald  
Stephen G. Markowitz  
Anston P. Mc Lachlan  
Claudette M. Mc Nerney  
Francis C. Nawahine  
Byron T. Nuckols  
Christopher Ortiz  
Gilbert J. Paiva  
David Pando  
Kenneth A. Perez  
Daniel O. Peterson  
George C. Ross III  
Romeo S. Sarmiento  
Charlotte L. Scott  
Silvestre R. Silva  
Richard A. Slattery  
Lawrence Sugimoto  
Peter C. Todebush  
Joseph A. Vela  
Lydia R. Ward  
Albert J. Welchert  
Anthony L. White  
Gregory G. Wilkie  
Jane W. Wong  
Annette L. Young-Taw

## 30 Years

M. Roberto Aceituno  
Francisco G. Alfajora  
James C. Alfred  
Darryl S. Antilla  
Jeffrey O. Beaudry  
Shirley A. Bolden  
Josefino B. Bulawin  
Robert E. Burroughs

Jose G. Camarillo  
Marta G. Carney  
Gordon R. Carter  
Ronald J. Celaya  
Edward F. Chen  
Yvonne L. Clark-Smith  
Phil M. Corsetti  
Gary L. Crawford  
Anthony B. Czajkowski  
Donny R. Davis  
Henry De Santos Jr  
Victor R. Eng  
Lynn P. Fischer  
Thomas E. Fowler  
Kim R. Gillis  
Herman E. Gomez  
Cynthia T. Held  
Clinton R. Hester  
George E. Hodgerney  
Elsie S. Hsieh  
Bob A. James  
Dennis L. Jandro  
Gilda B. Johnson  
Wesley P. Johnson  
Anita F. Jones  
Jerrilyn M. Jones  
Evan J. Konjicija  
Dennis T. Kozlowski  
Peter J. Lechman  
Patsy E. Lyles  
Doug M. McCarrie  
Randall D. Mc Cluney  
Daniel C. Mc Gee  
Wanda J. Mc Pherson  
Pamela A. Moffett  
Gilbert L. Montano  
Edward M. Musgrave  
John L. Nattkemper  
Kevin T. O'Keefe  
Michael L. O'Neill  
Donald R. Orth  
Vijay V. Patel  
Margaret D. Pierce  
James H. Rasheed  
Miguel A. Rodriguez  
Mark R. Rubenaker  
Manuel Schembri  
James W. Schroeder  
Larry N. Schwarm  
Vincent A. Sedillo  
Kenneth S. Sherman  
Howard M. Standish  
Susan J. Stephenson  
Larry A. Sterling  
Gary W. Switzer  
Arnulfo C. Taganap  
Donald L. Trevethan  
Stephen C. Twigg  
Donald R. Wells  
Michael M. White  
Lawrence W. Zeigler

## 25 Years

Charles A. Baca Jr  
Irene M. Beebe  
Raul R. Botello  
Patricia A. Carter  
Lillian E. Cartwright  
Norman J. Chin

# BARTistics

August 1, 2002 through  
January 31, 2003

Daniel Dawkins  
David C. Dawson  
Benjamin Delgado  
Arthur Escamilla  
Diane A. Forbes  
Cruz G. Garcia  
Donald S. Garcia  
Jacqueline L. Gatson  
Margaret L. Hall  
Rachel M. Heath  
Douglas J. Hom  
Nelton L. Joe  
Donna R. Johnson  
Linda Karriem  
Pamela E. Kessinger  
Edward W. Ladd  
Douglas Lee  
Melvin C. Lim  
James E. Matthews  
Larry T. Miller  
Dory U. Oriola  
Robert A. Ornellas  
Henry S. Procter  
Marie J. Rayner  
Flor M. Rosales  
Robert F. Smith  
Richard D. Streeter  
Christine Stuart  
Nancy L. Thinnies  
Diane L. Thomas  
Cirila N. Ubaldo  
Frederico J. Valdivia  
Robert R. Villalobos  
Roy H. Wadley  
Alice M. Wheeler

## 20 Years

Chis Abel  
Tamar L. Allen  
Curtis D. Anderson  
Wayne M. Dolan  
Patrick C. Dullea  
Joseph W. Hansen  
David J. Hood  
Glenda Jennings-Olison  
Alexis M. Leiva  
Timothy I. Mc Cracken  
Mae Z. Meidav  
Nancy N. Mitrick  
Susan D. Monaghan  
Glenn M. Parker  
Carolyn Pope-Chappell  
Gregory H. Price  
Judge C. Purifoy  
Kevin J. Reilly  
Allan G. Rowbury  
Rodney Servick  
Jimmy Stuart  
Brian Y. Tekawa

Aminta E. Thornton  
Kenneth A. Vargas  
Bruce M. Williams  
Gary E. Won  
Donny Woo

## 15 Years

Angelina Aguilar  
Robert S. Ante  
Mohammad H. Azimi  
Richard E. Buitrago  
Anthony C. Cernac  
Daniel C. Chan  
Linda J. Dennis-Mallory  
Kenneth R. Evans  
William Florio II  
Roger Henderson  
Wilson Johnson Jr  
Russ V. Klein  
John T. Lau  
Dennis P. Lechak  
James T. Lee  
Fannie Mackson  
Shelley L. Mart  
Kathy M. Mc Avoy  
Lisa A. Moland  
Albert C. Ng  
David S. Nicholaw  
Gil E. Perez  
Brian K. Pingel  
Jerry D. Robinson  
Jose R. Salazar  
Roxanne Sanchez  
Jocelyn P. Tabiolo  
Spencer R. Thorpe III  
Lynette S. Toney  
Melissa D. Vega  
Shirley Warner

## 10 Years

Roger M. Avery  
Lawrence T. Brunk  
Cecilia Celso  
Robert L. Chiesa  
Percival Dawson Jr  
Dorothy W. Dugger  
Kevin J. Fitzpatrick  
Robert L. Fox  
Terry M. Green  
Evelyn L. Hammer  
Beverly A. Hanson  
Jacqueline A. Heggler  
Sylvia L. Hemmerich  
Rufus R. Henderson  
Gwendolyn L. Jackson  
Sonja M. Johnson  
Eric K. Jorgensen  
James A. Lande

Janice Y. Lee  
Clara E. Mc Intosh  
Thomas L. Morris  
Andres Z. Patriarca  
David A. Remeta  
Caroline R. Rogers  
Debra M. Smith  
Hamed Tafaghodi  
Eloise M. Tucker  
James L. Walker  
Frank R. Walsh  
Nathan C. Weissich  
Richard J. Wiczorek

## 5 Years

Veronica M. Alencar  
Edgardo Alvarez  
Manuel Alvarez  
Douglas H. Bartlett  
David M. Beisigl  
Christopher A. Bilyeu  
Timothy W. Brown  
Paul K. Campos  
Daniel Canela  
Ronald L. Caplener  
Juan J. Castro  
Alfred L. Chapman  
Carolyn L. Correia  
Jacqueline R. Edwards  
Trinidad Engalla-Carlos  
Emilaine G. Estiva  
Lawrence J. Fagan  
Faramarz Farassat  
Sharon E. Gaither  
Dalvir S. Gill  
Victor M. Gonzalez  
Paul V. Guerin  
Lance D. Haight  
Paul G. Harpainter  
Roy B. Henrichs  
Edward E. Howard  
Robespierre Hui  
Jaime L. Igros  
Barbara S. Inaba  
Gary L. Irvin  
Melba M. Kessinger  
Robert J. Krehbiel  
Wendy J. Land  
Pablo C. Landin  
Michele Y. Lazaneo  
Brendan K. Lee  
David C. Leong  
Ana C. Levi  
Reginald L. Lewis  
Brenda M. Love  
Cynthia A. Lunge  
Monica M. Ma  
Clyde D. Martin  
Francisca W. Mbugua  
Quinton Mc Daniel  
Delmar W. Meadows  
James E. Miller  
Mark F. Moran  
John R. Muckle  
Teresa E. Murphy  
Robert S. Myers  
Nam V. Nguyen  
Mathias A. Nowak  
James Y. Pak

Leon Parks  
Jennifer A. Quilici  
John P. Quill  
Juan B. Ramos Jr  
Ramon L. Reyes  
Ruben M. Reyes  
Michael D. Rodriguez  
Babra A. Rosenberg  
Kevin R. Rudy  
Margaret W. Saget  
Edward J. Schultz  
Bernard R. Smits  
Thomas J. Steinbrenner  
Gary Sue  
Sabrina R. Taylor  
Yolanda D. Tolliver  
Thomas M. Tran  
James E. Tyler  
Robert S. Umbreit  
Mark D. Weaver  
John D. Welch  
Randy Y. Wong  
Wah C. Wong  
Zaohong Zheng

## New Hires

Alberto Alvarez  
Richard L. Avre  
Adam Bronikowski  
Sarah Cadwallader  
Terry C. Cotten  
Joseph A. Cotton  
Joel E. Cox  
Christopher M. Davis  
Edwin M. Del Rosario  
Willy L. Enriquez  
Christopher L. Fore  
Patricia Geary  
Darrick D. Gebhards  
Judy A. Guerrero  
Erik I. Heskin  
Michelle D. Holcomb  
Chaz W. Hunt  
Kenneth E. Johnson  
Phillip G. Johnson  
Jimmie D. Jones  
Alex S. Kirchoff  
Dale A. Lant  
Jake Lee Jr  
Jose M. Lopez  
Janet E. Matias  
John L. Mc Partland  
Thang C. Nghiem  
Walter G. Padilla  
Michael B. Pavini  
Marvin V. Pepe  
Darron D. Reese  
Scott R. Renz  
Ravi Sandhu  
John M. Sandoval  
Jaswant Sekhon  
Patricia Y. Selva  
Claudia A. Slevin  
Tony C. Spears  
Yen L. Sun  
Paul K. Tavares  
Andrew P. Tellez  
Derrick R. Tyler



# Move Over Hillary, Sue Angeli is on the Way

Union leader, customer service aficionado and trailblazing community leader Sue Angeli has once again become the Mayor of the City of Pleasant Hill. First elected to the council in 1999, Sue was Vice Mayor in her first year in office, becoming Mayor in 2000. She chaired the Pleasant Hill Redevelopment Agency in 2001 and ascended to the chief role once again for 2002-2003.



As Mayor, Sue spends a lot of time in the greater Pleasant Hill community at functions, ribbon-cutting events for major

community projects and programs, and visits schools to share her experience in government with students. "This is an important year for local elected officials," Sue noted. "Issues on the economy and balancing the city's budget are the top priorities."

Sue is President of the BART Professional Chapter of SEIU Local 790. In addition to her civic work as Mayor, Sue is on the board of directors of the County Connection (bus service in central Contra Costa County) and on the Pleasant Hill BART Steering Committee. She served as a delegate to the California Democratic Party convention, representing Assembly member Lonnie Hancock. **b3**

## Chinese New Year continued

everyone is watching. Finding the meaning behind the words is important this year because the ram has a paradoxically sharp tongue. So to avoid conflict, we must be careful about what we say and interpret the words of others with deeper understanding."

To prepare for the New Year celebration, homes are cleaned and decorated with live, blooming plants to symbolize rebirth and



new growth. Oranges and tangerines symbolize abundant happiness, and the colors of red and gold symbolize happiness and wealth. In the Chinese New Year tradition, debts are settled, prayers are offered and made, new clothes are bought and plenty of food is prepared. No one speaks badly of anyone, or of unpleasant topics.

Lolita Chu shared the event's Mistress of Ceremonies duties with Julie. "We are so grateful to Lolita for her bilingual skills and her great spirit," said Julie. BART Executive Manager of External Affairs Katherine Strehl welcomed the community on behalf of the District. BART Board member Carole Ward Allen presented her well wishes, along with Alameda County Supervisor Alice Lai Bitker. Everyone who attended the



celebration received a "good luck" bag filled with Chinese tangerines, candies and sweet dumplings.

Thanks to Lolita, Julie, Anna Pfiesser and Betty SooHoo for help in organizing BART's Chinese New Year celebration. **b3**



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